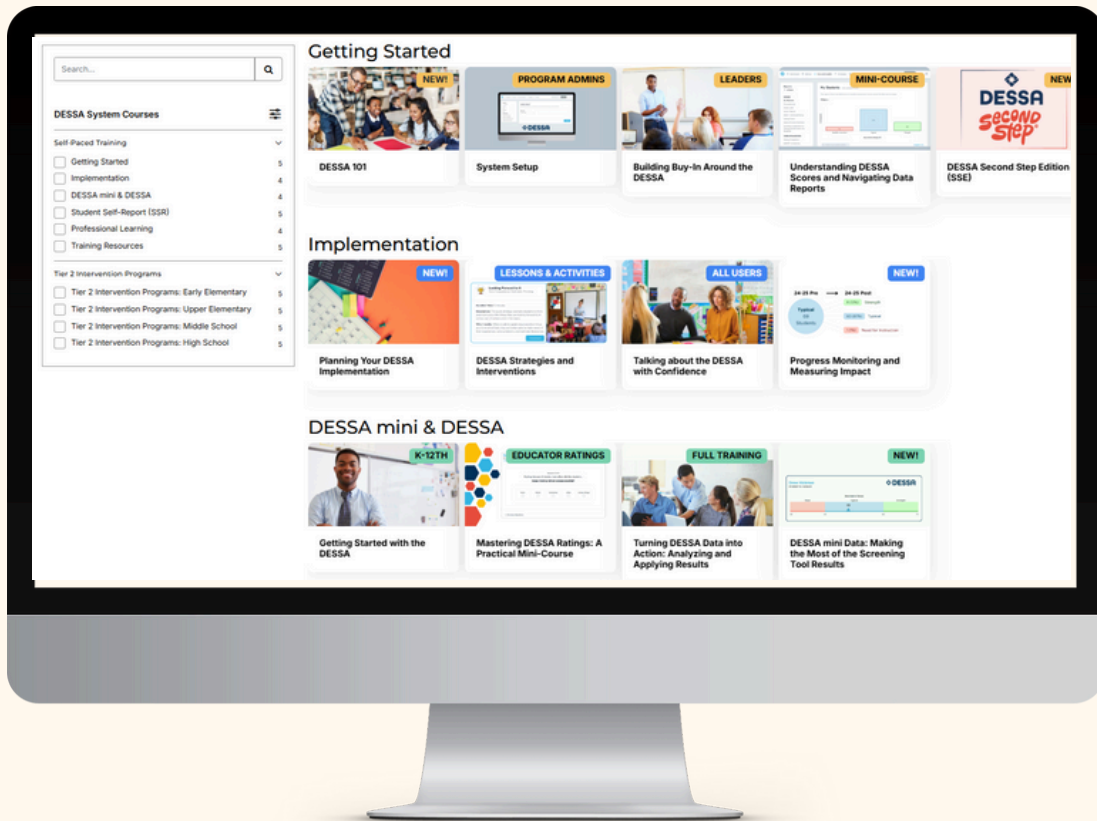
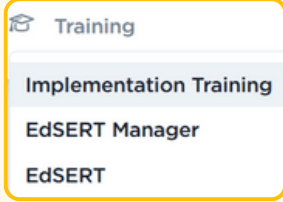


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DESSA SYSTEM TRAINING COURSES



Why?

Why is completing training before using the DESSA so important? It's simple—to be confident and prepared! Training provides users with a clear understanding of how to use the assessment products and instructional materials. This step in the implementation process is essential to ensure accuracy and reliability. DESSA Training Courses help users understand how to collect and interpret data, and avoid potential errors or biases. Training is recommended throughout the school year as data is collected and used to support student growth.

DESSA SYSTEM TRAINING COURSES

Full training
modules



Step-by-step
instructions



Mini-
courses

Located in the Educator Portal under the Training tab

Use the search filter and categories features to explore the different course types and topics.

Getting Started

- DESSA 101
- System Setup
- Building Buy-In Around the DESSA
- Understanding DESSA Scores and Navigating Data Reports
- DESSA Second Step Edition (SSE)

Implementation

- Planning Your DESSA Implementation
- DESSA Strategies and Interventions
- Talking about the DESSA with Confidence
- Progress Monitoring and Measuring Impact

DESSA mini & DESSA

- Getting Started with the DESSA
- Mastering DESSA Ratings: A Practical Mini-Course
- Turning DESSA Data into Action: Analyzing and Applying Results
- DESSA mini Data: Making the Most of the Screening Tool Results

RECOMMENDED TRAINING

Full trainings are recommended for users new to the DESSA. Explore the additional mini-course options for refresher learning and specific implementation topics.

DESSA 2 DESSA High School Edition (HSE) <i>Educator-completed assessments</i>	DESSA Student Self-Report (SSR) DESSA SEIR <i>Student-completed assessments</i>
Before rating: Getting Started with the DESSA	Before students complete ratings: Introduction to the DESSA Student Self-Report (SSR) If applicable: DESSA Screener for Externalizing and Internalizing Risk (SEIR)
After collecting data: Turning DESSA Data into Action: Analyzing and Applying Results	After collecting data: Turning SSR Data into Action: Analyzing and Applying Results
Refresher mini-courses: DESSA 101 Mastering DESSA Ratings	Refresher mini-courses: DESSA 101 Supporting Students with the SSR and Student Portal

FULL TRAINING COURSES

Getting Started with the DESSA

- **Course Type:** Full training, with a focus on resources and templates
- **Product(s):** DESSA 2 mini, DESSA 2, DESSA HSE mini, DESSA HSE
- **Intended Audience:** All users implementing these assessment versions
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 1 hour
- **Description:** Welcome to the DESSA System, the online platform that provides educators with resources that enable a data-driven approach to developing student social, emotional, and behavioral skills. This introductory course is ideal for educators, school staff, and administrators who are new to the educator-completed DESSA screener and assessments for grades K-12 and want to make the most of its tools and resources through a full-length training course. You'll learn how to navigate the DESSA platform, complete rating forms, interpret interactive reports, and apply research-based strategies to inform instruction and support student growth.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Reflect on the purpose and set goals for implementing and using DESSA data.
 - Learn about the various stages of planning and executing assessment ratings, reviewing collected data, and using DESSA Strategies resources.
 - Develop an actionable plan for your program, organization, or classroom.

When to take this course: Users new to the DESSA and ready to complete a full training course to understand the purpose and best practices for implementing the educator-completed assessments. Users can return to the course to complete the lessons in sections, if needed.

Turning DESSA Data into Action: Analyzing and Applying Results

- **Course Type:** Full training
- **Product(s):** DESSA 2, DESSA HSE, DESSA SSE
- **Intended Audience:** All users implementing these assessment versions
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 1 hour
- **Description:** This comprehensive course empowers educators, instructional leaders, and school-based teams with the skills and strategies to effectively analyze and utilize DESSA data to drive student learning and support. Within a tiered lens, you will learn how to interpret assessment data, identify student strengths and needs, and translate insights into targeted instructional practices and interventions. This course includes demos of how to generate specific reports within the DESSA System to analyze the available data and step-by-step guidance and resources to help educators create data-informed decisions that support student growth.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Analyze DESSA data to identify trends, strengths, and areas of need from a tiered perspective.
 - Use data to group students for targeted instruction or intervention and identify individual student needs.
 - Select DESSA Strategies to implement in various settings, including whole group, small group, and individual support.

When to take this course: After data is collected from the educator-completed assessments. Users can return to the course to complete the lessons in sections, if needed.

FULL TRAINING COURSES

Introduction to the Student Self-Report (SSR)

- **Course Type:** Full training
- **Product(s):** DESSA Student Self-Report (SSR), Middle and High School
- **Intended Audience:** All users implementing these assessment versions
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 1 hour
- **Description:** The Student Self-Report (SSR) drives students' understanding of their strengths while allowing them the agency to set their own growth goals. This introductory course is ideal for educators, school staff, and administrators who are new to the Student Self-Report (SSR) for either Middle School or High School and want to make the most of its tools and resources. You'll learn how to navigate the Educator Portal, get a preview of the Student Portal, and understand the implementation process throughout the school year. Be sure to check out the available resources and videos embedded throughout the course!
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Reflect on the purpose and set goals for implementing and using DESSA data.
 - Learn about the various stages of planning and executing assessment ratings, reviewing collected data, and using DESSA Strategies resources.
 - Develop an actionable plan for your program, organization, or classroom.

When to take this course: *Users new to the SSR and ready to complete a full training in order to understand the purpose and best practices for implementing the student-completed assessments. Users can return to the course to complete the lessons in sections, if needed.*

DESSA Screener for Externalizing and Internalizing Risk (SEIR)

- **Course Type:** Mini-course
- **Product(s):** DESSA Student Self-Report (SSR) with SEIR
- **Intended Audience:** All users implementing these assessment versions
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 45 minutes
- **Description:** This course trains educators, staff, and administrators to effectively implement the DESSA Screener for Externalizing and Internalizing Risk (SEIR). Completed alongside the Student Self-Report (SSR) for a risk and resilience approach, this student-completed screener identifies a broad range of social and emotional risks. You will learn how to support students in completing this portion of the SSR, interpret individual and group-level data, and understand the general guidance for using SEIR data. This course is imperative for integrating findings to identify and mitigate student wellbeing and behavioral concerns by leveraging DESSA data to inform tiered instruction and interventions.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Understand how the purpose and design of the SEIR ratings support the risk and resilience approach when completed alongside the DESSA SSR.
 - Access and interpret the assessment data using various reports within the DESSA System.
 - Integrate screener insights into broader student support systems by connecting results with existing school and district initiatives such as MTSS.

When to take this course: *After completing the "Introduction to the SSR" or as a refresher before students complete their ratings in the Student Portal.*

FULL TRAINING COURSES

Turning DESSA SSR Data into Action: Analyzing and Applying Results

- **Course Type:** Full training
- **Product(s):** DESSA Student Self-Report (SSR), Middle and High School versions
- **Intended Audience:** All users implementing these assessment versions
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 1 hour
- **Description:** This comprehensive course empowers educators, instructional leaders, and school-based teams with the information and skills to effectively analyze and utilize SSR data to drive student learning and support. Within a tiered lens, you will learn how to interpret student-completed assessment data, identify student strengths and needs, and translate insights into targeted instructional practices and interventions. This course includes demos of how to generate specific reports within the DESSA System to analyze the available data and step-by-step guidance and resources to help educators create data-informed decisions that support student growth.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Analyze SSR data to identify trends, strengths, and areas of need from a tiered perspective.
 - Use data to group students for targeted instruction or intervention and identify individual student needs.
 - Select Strategies to implement in various settings, including whole group, small group, and individual.

When to take this course: After data is collected from the educator-completed assessments. Users can return to the course to complete the lessons in sections, if needed.

DESSA Second Step Edition (SSE)

- **Course Type:** Full training
- **Product(s):** DESSA Second Step Edition (SSESE and SSMSE)
- **Intended Audience:** All user levels implementing DESSA SSE assessments
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 1 hour
- **Description:** Maximize the impact of your Second Step® instruction with data from the DESSA Second Step Edition assessment! This course provides an introduction to the DESSA Second Step Edition, the only assessment aligned to the Second Step® curriculum. You'll learn how to access, navigate, and utilize educator-completed ratings and results to inform instruction and support students' overall development. Designed for educators, school staff, and administrators who are implementing the DESSA SSE and Second Step® curriculum, this course offers helpful tips and practical examples to ensure you're making the most of the tools within the DESSA System.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Understand the purpose and unique reporting features of the DESSA Second Step® Edition (SSE) assessments.
 - Complete ratings with accuracy and fidelity, and interpret results aligned to the Second Step® curriculum.
 - Navigate the DESSA Strategies and Interventions resources to supplement instruction from a tiered perspective.

When to take this course: New to the DESSA SSE or returning users wanting a refresher. Could be completed during a staff meeting, PLC, planning period, or during a teacher training day.

MINI-COURSES

DESSA 101

- **Course Type:** Mini-course
- **Product(s):** All
- **Intended Audience:** All users
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 30 minutes
- **Description:** Welcome to the strength-based assessment, the DESSA! This introductory mini-course is designed to provide a foundational understanding of the diverse range of assessment tools and instructional resources within the DESSA System. Through this course, you'll learn about the DESSA assessments and explore the DESSA System platform to view the Rating, Data and Insights, Strategies, and Training tabs. This course is ideal for new DESSA System users, as well as returning users looking for a refresher on the DESSA.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Understand the core features and functionalities of the DESSA assessments.
 - Learn how to navigate the DESSA System online platform.
 - Discover where to locate resources available for successful implementation.

When to take this course: Returning users wanting a refresher. Could be completed during a staff meeting, PLC, planning period, or during a teacher training day.

Building Buy-In Around the DESSA

- **Course Type:** Mini-course
- **Product(s):** All
- **Intended Audience:** Program administrators and building leaders
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 30 minutes
- **Description:** Successfully implementing an assessment tool requires more than just understanding its features – it's about getting key stakeholders on board and ensuring their support through the process. In this mini-course, you'll learn strategies to build buy-in around your DESSA implementation. This course covers the foundational knowledge for a program administrator or building leaders.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Define the purpose and benefits of implementing the DESSA system.
 - Equip stakeholders with effective tools and strategies to enhance engagement with the DESSA system.
 - Identify and address potential resistance to ensure a successful implementation.

Note: A full version of this professional development training is available for purchase in a live webinar or in-person format. Connect with your Riverside Partnership Team Member to schedule a customized webinar or workshop.

MINI-COURSES

System Setup

- **Course Type:** Step-by-step instructions
- **Product(s):** All
- **Intended Audience:** Program Administrators
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 45 minutes
- **Description:** Get your DESSA System up and running with confidence! This practical, step-by-step mini-course will guide Program Administrators through the necessary tasks to set up the DESSA System for their program or district. You'll begin by learning how to configure settings, create assessment schedules, and customize implementation to meet the needs of your district or program. Intended for first-time administrator-level users, this course is designed to make sure your assessment process is seamless from the start.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Navigate the DESSA System and key set up menus.
 - Configure system settings according to organizational needs.
 - Set up user roles, permissions, and groups.

When to take this course: During the DESSA Onboarding process, in order to get users set up in the system and establish the initial yearly setup. Users can complete this course prior to connecting with their DESSA contact so that the foundational information is covered first through asynchronous prep.

Understanding DESSA Scores and Navigating Data Reports

- **Course Type:** Mini-course
- **Product(s):** All
- **Intended Audience:** All users
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 30 minutes
- **Description:** This overview course provides a focused guide to understanding DESSA results and accessing data within the DESSA System. You will learn how to interpret DESSA scores using the descriptive ranges and t-scores, as well as how to access your data, apply available filters, and utilize reporting features. This brief course is perfect for those new to the DESSA System or anyone wanting a refresher on getting the most out of their data and reports!
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Understand the descriptive range and t-score elements of DESSA data.
 - Navigate various reports under the Data and Insights tab with confidence.
 - Generate and customize reports based on specific assessment forms and filters.

When to take this course: Returning users wanting a refresher, after collecting DESSA data. Could be completed during a staff meeting, PLC, planning period, or during a teacher training day.

MINI-COURSES

Talking about the DESSA with Confidence

- **Course Type:** Full training, with a focus on resources and templates
- **Product(s):** All
- **Intended Audience:** Program Administrators and Building Leaders
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 1 hour
- **Description:** Implementing the DESSA requires intentional planning and strategy. This course is intended for program administrators and building leaders to learn how to design a clear, structured roadmap for integrating the DESSA assessment and instructional tools into your organization, school, or program. You'll start by reflecting on your overall goals and priorities when it comes to the DESSA, then explore recommended timelines, training opportunities, and tips for practical application. Be sure to download the available resources and customizable templates to use as you plan!
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Explain the purpose and role of the DESSA.
 - Consider what information to share with different audiences and how to communicate details.
 - Locate available resource templates to customize for your implementation.

When to take this course: *When a user is able to dedicate focused time to planning the implementation details needed to share out for their program or site. Users can return this module to consider additional details as their implementation progresses throughout the school year.*

Mastering DESSA Ratings

- **Course Type:** Mini-course
- **Product(s):** DESSA 2 mini, DESSA 2, DESSA HSE mini, DESSA HSE
- **Intended Audience:** All users implementing these assessment versions
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 30 minutes
- **Description:** This practical mini-course is designed to prepare educators for completing their DESSA mini and DESSA assessment ratings through step-by-step instructions, modeling, and opportunities to practice. You will learn how to preview assessment questions prior to rating, access ratings in the DESSA System, and complete ratings with confidence and accuracy. This course will also provide an overview of the recommended next steps following rating completion. All users are encouraged to complete this brief module prior to the opening of a rating window.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Navigate and use the DESSA System platform to complete ratings with ease.
 - Complete and submit assessment forms following best practices.
 - Understand next steps after completing DESSA ratings.

When to take this course: *In preparation for completing ratings. Can be completed after an intro course as a refresher, possibly shared out by administrators for educators to complete before or as a rating window opens. Could be completed during a staff meeting, PLC, or planning period.*

MINI-COURSES

DESSA Strategies and Interventions

- **Course Type:** Mini-course
- **Product(s):** All
- **Intended Audience:** All users
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 30 minutes
- **Description:** This course highlights how educators and administrators can maximize the use of the Strategies and Interventions resources within the DESSA System. You will explore how to access, navigate, and apply these built-in tools to support targeted instruction and student growth. Whether you're planning for universal instruction across your school, addressing skill gaps within the classroom, or responding to assessment results for individual students, this course helps you bridge the gap between data and daily instruction.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Access and navigate the resources under the Strategies tab of the DESSA System, including the Foundational Practices, the Strategies lessons, and the Tier 2 Intervention Programs.
 - Understand how the Data-Driven Recommendations feature suggests specific instructional resources based on assessment results.
 - Create a plan for integrating Strategies and facilitating Tier 2 Interventions into classroom instruction or small-group plans.

When to take this course: *In preparation to provide data-driven instruction within tiered level settings, including classroom, small group, and individual instruction. Could be completed during a staff meeting, PLC, or planning period.*

Supporting Students with the SSR and Student Portal

- **Course Type:** Step-by-step instructions
- **Product(s):** DESSA Student Self-Report (SSR) with SEIR, Middle and High School versions
- **Intended Audience:** All users implementing these assessment versions
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 45 minutes
- **Description:** This short, targeted course provides educators with clear, step-by-step instructions to guide students through the Student Self-Report (SSR) process. Directions will cover how to have students register for their Student Portal, complete the self-assessment, access their results, and engage in skill-building activities. Designed for immediate onboarding, this course ensures you are fully prepared to support students in leveraging their strengths and empowering them to take ownership of their development through self-directed and gamified use of the available Goals and Challenges features.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Guide students through the Student Portal registration and introduce the SSR by using the in-classroom materials provided in this course.
 - Understand how to assist students in completing their self-assessment and access their individual results within their Student Portal.
 - Promote engagement and foster student agency by supporting students in selecting and completing Challenge and Goal activities in their Student Portal.

When to take this course: *This stand-alone module can be used to easily access the steps for supporting students in registering for their Student Portal and completing the assessment and activities.*

MINI-COURSES

Progress Monitoring and Measuring Impact

- **Course Type:** Mini-course
- **Product(s):** All
- **Intended Audience:** All user
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 45 minutes
- **Description:** This specialized course is designed for educators, specialists, and school leaders who want to deepen their understanding of progress monitoring using multiple data points from DESSA assessments. Focusing on the progress monitoring features and the Impact Report within the DESSA System, you will learn how to generate, analyze, and synthesize assessment data to monitor student progress over time. Recommended for all users with data collected from two or more rating windows, this course will help you move beyond isolated scores to see the full picture of student growth and needs.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Understand the role of progress monitoring in instructional planning and intervention.
 - Identify the different features and reports within the DESSA System that are designed for progress monitoring.
 - Explore available resources for analyzing data and Strategies to support continued student growth.

When to take this course: After collecting data from 2 or more rating windows to compare. Could be completed during a staff meeting, PLC, planning period, or during a teacher training day.

DESSA mini Data: Making the Most of the Screening Tools Results

- **Course Type:** Mini-course
- **Product(s):** DESSA 2 mini, DESSA HSE mini
- **Intended Audience:** All users
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 30 minutes
- **Description:** This short course is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and strategies needed to effectively use data collected from a screening tool, even without access to full assessment results. Participants will learn how to interpret screening data, recognize its strengths and limitations, and make informed decisions based on available information. The course offers practical guidance for using screening data to support early identification, planning, and next steps, ensuring that limited data can still drive meaningful action and communication.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Understand the purpose and scope of screening tools compared to full assessments.
 - Identify appropriate next steps based on screening results.
 - Select resources from the Strategies tab to support student growth.

When to take this course: After an introductory course has been completed to focus in on the data from the DESSA-mini screener specifically. Could be completed during a staff meeting, PLC, or planning period.

MINI-COURSES

Connecting the Dots: Using Both Educator and Student DESSA Assessments

- **Course Type:** Full training
- **Product(s):** DESSA 2, DESSA HSE, DESSA Student Self-Report (SSR)
- **Intended Audience:** All users implementing these assessment versions
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 1 hour
- **Description:** This course goes beyond the intro courses for each of the assessments and is meant to connect the implementation best practices between these two versions of the DESSA. It focuses on how to understand and use data from both the educator and student-completed ratings in order to make data-driven decisions about student support, instruction, and intervention. Users could complete this course after they've successfully outlined the implementation details for the different assessments and possibly have begun to collect data.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Understand the overall implementation process for the DESSA and Student Self-Report (SSR).
 - Analyze and interpret results by comparing educator and student perspectives to identify alignment, gaps, and key areas for support.
 - Apply results to inform instruction and support at various tiered levels.

When to take this course: *This course is meant to connect the implementation best practices between these two versions of the DESSA. Users could complete this course after successfully outlining the implementation details for the different assessments and have begun to collect data.*

Unlocking Student Strengths with the DESSA

- **Course Type:** Mini-course, Professional Learning preview
- **Product(s):** All
- **Intended Audience:** All users
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 30 minutes
- **Description:** This course provides a brief overview of how the DESSA can support students receiving special education services. Educators and administrators will learn explore how to use DESSA data to guide the development of present levels of performance and goals for individual education plans (IEP). Educators and specialists, such as Counselors and interventionists, will benefit from this course and the embedded implementation resources and templates focused on promoting skill-building based on DESSA data.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Review the DESSA System reports that provide detailed assessment results for individual students.
 - Consider how the DESSA can inform individual student plans and support strategies.
 - Understand the features and resources within the DESSA System that can guide planning for individual students

Note: *A full version of this professional development training is available for purchase in a live webinar or in-person format. Connect with your Riverside Partnership Team Member to schedule a customized webinar or workshop.*

MINI-COURSES

Integrating DESSA & MTSS

- **Course Type:** Mini-course, Professional Learning preview
- **Product(s):** All
- **Intended Audience:** All users
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 30 minutes
- **Description:** This course connects the DESSA to the MTSS framework by outlining how integrating DESSA data into this system of support can promote positive student outcomes. Ideal for administrators and school leaders, this course highlights how to use DESSA results to inform tiered interventions, monitor progress, and make data-driven decisions for their site that align with academic and behavioral goals. This course emphasizes practical strategies for embedding DESSA data into collaborative support systems, ensuring timely and targeted responses that promote positive outcomes for all students.
- **Key Learning Outcomes:**
 - Understand the role of the DESSA within the MTSS framework at the universal, targeted, and individual levels.
 - Generate reports within the DESSA System that can inform and align to MTSS efforts.
 - Use DESSA data to guide collaborative problem-solving with a focus of building on students' strengths.

Note: A full version of this professional development training is available for purchase in a live webinar or in-person format. Connect with your Riverside Partnership Team Member to schedule a customized webinar or workshop.

Educator Social-Emotional Reflection Training (EdSERT)

- **Course Type:** Professional Learning, CEUs available
- **Product(s):** All
- **Intended Audience:** All users
- **Estimated Completion Time:** Completed through the duration of one school year
- **Description:** Successful student outcomes start with educators that have the capacity to understand, model, and teach positive behavioral skills. This training series consists of modules for each of the competency areas measured by the DESSA, with a focus on building the educator's competence and skills. This program, completed throughout the duration of a school year, is designed to promote educators' social, emotional, and behavioral competence by boosting their confidence in their ability to deliver high-quality behavioral instruction.







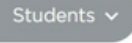




**Learn more
about EdSERT
[here.](#)**

EdSERT Manager

- **Course Type:** Support Module
- **Product(s):** All
- **Intended Audience:** Program Administrator and Building Leaders
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 45 minutes
- **Description:** This course accompanies the EdSERT professional development program and guides administrators and leaders in planning for their staff to complete the EdSERT training.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING RESOURCES

 Dashboard  Ratings  Data and Insights  Strategies  Training  Search  Students  ? 

<h3>On-Demand Video Library</h3> <p>Our On-Demand Video Library contains short self-service videos that guide users through using the DESSA assessments system. Depending on the content in an on-demand video, they will range from 3-7 minutes.</p>	<h3>Office Hours</h3> <p>Office Hours provide monthly micro-learning opportunities that include a 15-minute presentation and 30 minutes of general Q&A time with staff from our Professional Learning and Success Teams. Register today!</p>	<h3>Support Portal</h3> <p>Our Support Portal is a 24/7 resource library that contains FAQs, user guides and manuals, and articles. You can search by keyword or browse by topic.</p>
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INTERESTED IN LIVE TRAINING OPTIONS?

Customized Sessions for Purchase

Check out the full list of live training sessions and workshops on the [DESSA Arc of Professional Learning](#) resource (beginning on page 5). Connect with your Riverside Partnership Team Member to schedule a customized webinar or workshop.

Virtual Webinars

Custom Virtual Webinars provide an opportunity for educators and leaders to partner with a DESSA trainer. Together, we can align training sessions to the mission and vision of the District or Program to lay the foundation for future-ready skills, resilience, and well-being.

On-Site Workshops

Much like our virtual webinars, we invite stakeholders to partner with the trainer in aligning the training to the mission and vision of the District or Program. On-Site Workshops provide an interactive, hands-on approach to training at your preferred location.